

# **Washington State Patrol Media Release**

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## **WSP to Resume Dyed Diesel Fuel Checks**

Chief John R. Batiste announced today, effective November 1, 2005; Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division (CVD) personnel will begin checking diesel tanks in commercial vehicles for the presence of red dyed diesel fuel.

Red dyed diesel is exempt from the 31 cents a gallon state tax placed on diesel. It is legal to use red dyed diesel in vehicles and equipment that do not use public roadways.

A shortage of regular dyed diesel after hurricane Katrina hit the gulf region in early September created a moratorium on enforcement of red dyed fuel.

The Internal Revenue Service extended the moratorium through October 5, 2005. The grace period to November 1, 2005, will allow highway use vehicles to run several tanks of clear diesel through their vehicles to flush out any red dye residue that may have remained in the fuel system.

“Industry can expect CVD personnel to be dipping diesel tanks on November 1, 2005, and taking enforcement,” stated CVD Captain Coral Estes.

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